

Hunting and Trapping

Emergency Order

Under the Authority of AS 16.05.060

Alaska Department
of Fish and Game

Emergency Order 05-05-06

Issued at Nome, Alaska
September 11, 2006

Effective Date: 11:59 p.m.
September 11, 2006

Expiration Date: June 30, 2007

EXPLANATION:

This Emergency Order closes the State of Alaska season for antlered bull moose in Unit 22(B), west of the Darby Mountains by registration permit hunt RM840 at 11:59 p.m. on September 11, 2006. (*Note: this area is identified as the Remainder of Unit 22(B) in the Regulation Section.*) The harvest quota of 18 bulls is expected to be reached on September 11, and no further harvest is warranted.

REGULATION:

Therefore, the following regulations in **5 AAC 85.045 (a) (20), HUNTING SEASONS AND BAG LIMITS FOR MOOSE**, are superseded by this emergency order as follows:

Units and Bag Limits	Resident Open Season (Subsistence and General Hunts)	Nonresident Open Season
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Remainder of Unit 22(B)

RESIDENT HUNTERS:

1 bull by registration permit only; or	Sept. 1 - Sept. 11
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1 antlered bull by registration permit only;	Jan. 1 - Jan. 31
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NONRESIDENT HUNTERS:

No open season.

All other moose hunting regulations in Unit 22 remain unchanged by this emergency order.

McKie Campbell
Commissioner

By delegation to: Kate Persons
Kate Persons
Area Biologist

JUSTIFICATION:

The moose population in western Unit 22B has declined by 64% since 1987, and recruitment rates have been below 10% for over 10 years. To help stabilize this population, the Alaska Board of Game established a fall moose registration permit hunt in western Unit 22B and the department set a harvest quota of 18 bulls. Current reported harvest from western Unit 22B is 15 bull moose and harvest is expected to reach 18 bulls by the season closing date announced in this emergency order.

A winter registration permit hunt for moose in western Unit 22B will be opened January 1 through January 31 with a quota of 5 bulls.